

**Burien Business and Economic Development Partnership  
(BEDP)**

**Friday, January 23, 2009**  
**7:00 – 8:30 a.m.**

**Burien Interim City Hall, Shared Conference Room  
15811 Ambaum Blvd. SW**

**Members Present:** Nancy Damon, David Elliott, Bob Ewing, Geri Fain, Kevin Fitz, Michael Goldsmith, Karen Lautermilch, Alice Madsen, Mark Minium, Doug Moreland, Jane Voget,

**Excused Absentees:** Rick Cosgrave, Jim Hughes, Harvey Aulgur (resigned)

**Staff:** Mike Martin, City Manager; Dick Loman, Economic Development Manager; Janet Stallman, Department Assistant

**Guests:** Councilmember Kathy Keene; Patty Sader, Executive Director, Discover Burien; Carmen Moore, Assistant Vice President, Wells Fargo Bank

**Call to Order:** Meeting opened at 7:00 a.m. by Michael Goldsmith, Chair

**Quick Business**

Michael called for a vote by the group to see whether they wished to change the November and December meeting dates to the first and third Fridays of the month, as is custom, to avoid the holidays. It was unanimously decided to change the meeting dates in November and December to the first and third Fridays.

Michael also confirmed with the group that they would prefer to have the first meeting of each month be the “Regular” meeting, and the second meeting of each month be a “Study Session.”

**Work Program Priorities – Michael Goldsmith**

Michael provided a list of topics that have been suggested over the past couple of meetings for possible priority topics for 2009. The list is attached to these Minutes. Discussion ensued, and in trying to prioritize, a few topics came to the front to discuss sooner. These include: Review of the proposed Special Events Ordinance; continuing with soliciting input from a broader audience for the economic development vision for the comprehensive plan; and sustainability (in connection with the Planning Commission).

**Update on Long Term Economic Visioning for Burien**

The subcommittee recommended that the BEDP approve their new format of inviting people to submit an economic vision story for Burien’s future. A motion passed unanimously giving direction to the subcommittee to go ahead with issuing their invitation, using their new document with background information and suggested ideas for getting started.

**Discussion on Possible Nomination for Business Leader of the Year**

Kevin Fitz made a motion to nominate Harvey Aulgur as Business Leader of the Year. The BEDP voted unanimously to submit a nomination for Harvey. Kevin will submit on behalf of the group.

**Round the Table**

A discussion ensued regarding having a (volunteer) liaison available to assist potential new businesses who are considering opening a business in Burien with the right steps to take. The idea is a good one. People don't know who to contact or what to do, and they sometimes get into trouble because they don't have all the information up front. This was hailed as a good idea. It was also mentioned that SCORE and Washington CASH both mentor new businesses.

Nancy Damon invites everybody to the February 13 Membership Luncheon at Cedarbrook. Andy Wappler of Puget Sound Energy will be the speaker. (Nancy will not be here on the 13<sup>th</sup>.)

**Next Meeting February 13, 2009, 7:00 a.m. – INTERIM CITY HALL**